

NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION Monday, March 3, 2014 Minutes

Commission Chairman William Rosen Commissioner Stephanie Levin Commissioner Brian Campedelli

The License Commission will meet at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, on the following:

- Members present/absent: Commission Chairman William Rosen, Commissioner Campedelli (arrived 4:14 pm). Commissioner Levin was absent.
- Update from Eric Suher regarding License #090000004 Annual All Alcoholic Restaurant and License #090000043 Seasonal All Alcoholic Restaurant

Chairman Rosen noted that Commissioner Campedelli was on his way, and, as no vote must be taken for this item, Commissioner Rosen asked Mr. Suher for an informal update (which Chairman Rosen relayed to Commissioner Campedelli upon his arrival). Mr. Suher noted that The Green Room is ready to open, with weather a factor in placement of signage; the Seasonal liquor license on this premise will allow alcohol service as of April 1, 2014. Mr. Suher plans to submit application to convert to Annual liquor license, per Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2008. Construction at 298 Main Street is moving along; the original plan was to use the Smith parking lot on weekends, no plan has been discussed with the St. Mary's church. Mr. Suher will give another update on April 2, 2014.

 Update from Jean Weller RE: License #090000125 Eclipse 186 Main, LLC, Annual Wine & Malt Restaurant License (within ABCC quota)

Ms. Weller produced a Statement of Intent from a new potential buyer for the license. Ms. Weller noted that her lawyer is out of town and an application for Transfer of License and Change of Location should be submitted soon.

- 4. Meeting Called to Order Chairman Rosen called the meeting to order at 4:14 pm
- 5. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting The meeting was audio-recorded. The NCTV camera has no memory card to record the meeting.
- 6. Public Comment NONE
- 7. Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce

Event: Chamber Business Networking Event - Arrive @ 5

Location of Event: PeoplesBank, 300 King Street, Northampton

Date and Times of Event: Wednesday, April 2, 2014 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Insurance information and Servers' information has been provided√

Fee: \$61.00

Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce

Event: Chamber Business Networking Event – Arrive @ 5

Location of Event: King & Cushman, Inc., 176 King Street, Northampton Date and Times of Event: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Insurance information and Servers' information has been provided

Fee: \$61.00

Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce

Event: Chamber Business Networking Event – Arrive @ 5

Location of Event: Hosted by Coldwell Banker Upton-Massamont Realtors in a model home at Emerson Way, Florence (new housing development)

Date and Times of Event: Wednesday, September 3, 2014 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Insurance information and Servers' information has been provided√

Fee: \$61.00

Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce

Event: Chamber Business Networking Event – Arrive @ 5

Location of Event: Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce, 99 Pleasant Street, Northampton

Date and Times of Event: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Insurance information and Servers' information has been provided

Fee: \$61.00

Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce

Event: Chamber Business Networking Event – Arrive @ 5 Location of Event: PeoplesBank, 300 King Street, Northampton Date and Times of Event: Thursday, May 8, 2014 5:00 pm − 7:00 pm Insurance information and Servers' information has been provided√

Fee: \$61.00

Kristine Cole was present for the applications.

Commissioner Campedelli moved to approve the licenses; Commissioner Rosen seconded. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

8. Application for Short Term Wine & Malt Liquor License

Very Limited, Inc. d/b/a Fitzwilly's, 23 Main Street, Northampton

Event: Fitzwilly's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Location of Event: Parking Lot adjacent to and behind Fitzwilly's at 23 Main Street

Date and Times of Event: Saturday, June 28, 2014 12:00 pm − 9:00 pm Insurance information and Servers' information is pending has been provided √

Fee: \$61.00

Fred Gohr, manager, was present for the application. The event will be open to the public as a family friendly event. Mr. Gohr requested a change in hours to 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

Commissioner Rosen moved to approve the license; Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2013 (No January 2014) and February 11, 2014

Commissioner Campedelli moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Rosen seconded. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

10. NEW BUSINESS - Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed. NONE

At 4:29 p.m., Commissioner Rosen moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Campedelli. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

The next meeting of the Northampton License Commission is April 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted, Mary L. Midura Executive Secretary

STATEMENT OF INTENT

WHEREAS Jean Weller, is Manager of Eclipse 186 Main Street LLC (hereinafter 'Eclipse"), a dissolved Massachusetts limited liability corporation, which is still winding down operations and which holds a Liquor License issued by the City of Northampton for a restaurant operation at 186 Main street, Northampton, Massachusetts, and WHEREAS, Caroline McDaniel is the Manager of ConVino, LLC, (hereinafter "ConVino") a Massachusetts limited liability company which anticipates leasing space in Thornes Market for a retail food service operation and is desirous of buying an available liquor license, and

WHEREAS, Eclipse has outstanding balances due to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of a license involves logistics of application and approval by City authorities and the ABCC,

Now therefore the parties state as follows:

- 1. Convino is agreeable to pay six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.) for the license.
- 2. Eclipse is agreeable to sell the license for that sum.
- 3. The parties wish to indicate their mutual interest to the Northampton License Commission in coming to an agreement and effectuating a transfer of the license.
- 4. The parties acknowledge that they need to further identify the logistics necessary to accomplish the transfer, and the obligations of each party towards accomplishing the transfer, and therefore the terms and conditions for an agreed and binding agreement for the transfer of the license have not yet been established and agreed upon.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2014.

ConVino, LLC by

CAROLINE McDANIEL, Manager

Eclipse 186 Main Street LLC by

JEAN WELLER, Manager